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The Daily Times.

WITH SUPPLEMENT.

TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 1893.

The Republican prejudices of Pulitzers, the new conductor of the World, of New York, will stick out in his modern Democratic paper once in a while. Speaking of the Virginia Bourbon howl about black school of fiers, the World says: "If the Virginia gentlemen who are carrying on their very ancient and honorable war against the 'nigger' in the name of Democracy are convinced that the road to Democratic success lies in an eternal hostility to an oppressed, down-trodden and badly-abused race, let them persuade the next Democratic national convention to insert a plank in the platform declaring this to be a white man's government." We doubt very much whether three States could be carried on this platform, and Virginia wouldn't be one of them."

This had seemed to take kindly to the waters of California. It is only three years since Prof. Baird, of the National Fish Commission, placed three thousand young shad in the Sacramento river. As a result of that transplant, that river has become thoroughly stocked with this valuable fish, which, when full-grown, is about half the size of the salmon, and in its fresh state is almost as high in popular favor. But the Sacramento does not alone reap the benefit of this fish importation, for the waters of San Francisco bay and all the coast inlets, as far to the northward as Puget's Sound, abound with them, and large shipments are made of them, particularly to the southern cities of the coast.

KANSAS will soon be a free State at the rate she is now pressing in that direction. Last year, her people planted 93,000 acres of land to trees, and still the good work goes on. If California would emulate her example, we should find our dry years growing less frequent, and the amount of our yearly rainfall greatly increased. Tree growth is so rapid in this State it takes but a few years for forests to take root and grow, and we should like to see them multiplied. Let us have, not only our fruit orchards, but a large variety of trees for timber and for shade. There is wealth and comfort and beauty in tree-growing.

The Mexican Central Railroad does not trace a wilderness. It lies along the track of civilization and progress. There are along its line twenty-one cities with a combined population of 886,608, and of these cities nine are State capitals. It passes by seven mints, that work metals of a value not less than \$25,000,000, and the agricultural wealth of the twelve States that it traverses amounts to, at least, \$110,000,000. And yet the development attained in that region is hardly more than suggestive of the grand possibilities that the future may hold for the country.

It is estimated and asserted that if half the saloons in Chicago take out whiskey licenses at \$300 they will be compelled to pay \$380,000 annually, as against \$170,000 annually paid by all the saloons now.

That if half of the saloons in Chicago take out beer licenses at \$250 they will be compelled to pay \$115,000 annually, as against \$170,000 annually paid by all of the saloons now.

And that at \$500 a year license, the saloons of Chicago will be compelled to pay annually \$1,600,000.

This increase of the opium evil, in San Francisco, if we may judge by the amount imported, is alarming. It is stated that the most of the recent importations of the drug will be used in that city, and that more of it will be sent East. Those best qualified to judge estimate that before July 1st, over three million dollars worth will have been imported and held for use in San Francisco.

SIR ALEXANDER GALT, of Canada, is far-seeing enough to recognize the inevitable, although perhaps his prophetic eye does not behold it in just the shape which it will assume. He says: "An Imperial federation has got to come." The mother country would doubtless feel that federation would be more tolerable than annexation to the United States.

CHINA is wise beyond most of the nations of the present day. She does not, like the great powers of Europe, go to war upon any mere pretext which will give only the shadow of justice to her cause. "If war comes," says a Chinese diplomat, "it will be because war is forced upon China. It will be because China is driven to the wall."

MILWAUKEE is to have a fine art gallery, costing no less than \$100,000. It will be the gift of a pack packer of that city, and no conditions will be attached to the gift. It is a munificent donation, one of which the city may well feel proud.

THE WINE TRADE.

State of the Market and Outlook for Grape-Growers.

Specific and Reliable Information Upon Practical Points—A Surplus of Four Weeks—Grape Growing no Longer a Source of Immense Profit.

For the purpose of procuring accurate information upon the present state of the wine market in California, and the outlook for our grape-growers and the manufacturers of California wines, the Times recently addressed a series of specific questions to a gentleman of the press in San Francisco, who has ample means at his command for learning the exact facts touching the whole subject. Our correspondent was instructed that our aim was neither to "bear" nor to "bull" the wine market, and he was consequently asked to report facts as he found them upon investigation, without regard to what they might help or hurt. He has done so, having taken pains to make his investigations thorough and impartial.

Below are the questions addressed by us to him, with his answers thereto.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 21, 1893.
DEAR SIR:—The following is the result of my investigations in regard to California wines, as desired in your letter of the 14th inst.:

1. "Is market dull or active?"
At present dull, because, first, quality of last year's wine was on average not good, owing to early rains; secondly, in anticipation of heavy yield this year.

2. "What are present prospects for grapes?"
Prospect continues to look fair, but there is no longer the immense amount of money in grape growing that was believed a couple of years ago. Another thing that will to some extent affect the market is the immense quantity of whisky in bond in the East, which will very soon have to be thrown on the market.

3. "What is the present prospect for growers?"
The prospect is moderately good. It is estimated that there will be made this season fifteen million gallons. Prices, under this large yield, for common California wine will be lower, but good wines will maintain good steady prices.

4. "Is the market overstocked?"
With poor wines, yes; with good claret, no.

5. "Present ruling prices (wholesale) as compared with one year ago?"
Prices are ten per cent. lower this year for same quality wine than last year. They probably go lower still as the poorer qualities, but good claret will fetch good prices.

6. "Is Eastern demand good?"
It is an average about one hundred thousand gallons a month, with a possible increase to one hundred and fifty thousand gallons in the summer. There is a steady demand for good old wine, both in white and red.

7. "What is the opinion of those competent to judge regarding continued production?"
If the increase continues in the same ratio as for the last two years it is believed that the wine will be overdone and that the quantity of claret produced will be largely in excess of demand. On the other hand it is stated that this will not be the case, as it will give them an ordinary good claret wine at cheap rates and in that way encourage the use and consumption of claret wine.

The foregoing covers, I think, all the points of your letter so far as I can answer them from information obtained in different quarters from reliable sources.

The above answers bear out, in the main, the TIMES in its recent position on the wine question, and effectually dispose of the gratuitous charge made against the TIMES of circulating "false and pernicious" reports regarding the overproduction of grapes.

The TIMES has given the facts, and has not written from the free-lunch and free-whisky fiend's standpoint, either.

CURRENT NOTES AND COMMENTS.
Henry Ward Beecher always wears a soft felt hat.

The Prince of Wales is an expert boxer, and is fond of the gloves.

Victoria has been queen one year longer than Elizabeth reigned.

Fifty-six thousand coconuts have been planted this season in Manoa county, Fla.

When a man steals \$25 he is called a thief; when he steals \$1,000, he is styled a financier.

Persons not passionately fond of work are easily persuaded that over-exertion is hot weather has its dangers.

LICENSE ORDINANCE.

Fixing Rates of License Tax for Los Angeles County.

Adopted June 4th, 1893, in Regular Session by the Board of Supervisors of said County.

On motion of Supervisor Giron, the following ordinance is hereby adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Los Angeles County, to-wit:

Section 1. The following license tax is hereby imposed for purposes of regulation and revenue upon the several corporations, persons, occupations and businesses pursued within and County of Los Angeles hereinafter recited.

Section 2. Every person who keeps a stallion and who permits the same to be used for the purpose of propagation for hire at a rate of not less than fifty dollars per service shall pay as such license tax the sum of \$50 per season.

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